

# THE BASSANO HERALD

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## CHURCH HOLDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The church was filled to capacity when the Christmas program of the Sunday School of the Bassano Evangelical Free Church was held on Thursday, December 20th. John Ratzlaff, Superintendent of the Sunday School, acted as Chairman.

The theme of the program was "The Three Gifts of Christmas", which was introduced by a scroll on which these words were printed and by a recitation by some of the smaller children. These gifts were symbolized by three beautifully wrapped boxes on the platform. As the evening progressed these boxes were opened and the gift that each box represented was related and explained. The three gifts were: "The Father's Gift in Giving the Lord Jesus", "The Lord Jesus in Giving His Life" and "Our Gift in Giving Our Hearts".

The closing feature was a play entitled "Truth Instead of Trimmings" and all present were challenged to worship the Christ of Christmas rather than the trimmings that are so common in our day.

At the close of the program, gifts as well as bags of candy and nuts were presented to all of the members of the Sunday School.

The church was beautifully decorated with poinsettias and branches of greens. The background of the platform showed a scene depicting the Wise Men and the shepherds coming to Bethlehem.

## LOCAL MAN WADES RIVER

Wally Pask was driving his car on the ice of the Red Deer River near Steveston on Friday when the motor suddenly started to labor and died. When Wally opened the car door to step out, water ran into the car from a deep stream running on top of the ice. He managed to wade to shore and obtain the assistance of a nearby farmer to pull his car to dry land.

He was thoroughly soaked to the skin but fortunately had a change of clothing with him and suffered no serious consequences from the unexpected bath.

## XMAS DANCE HAD GOOD CROWD

The dance in the Bassano Hall on Tuesday night was attended by a good sized crowd from Bassano, Cluny and Gleichen and everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. The music was supplied by Vance and His Melodians and some fast stepping tunes were produced to the satisfaction of the dancers.

Another big dance will be held in the Bassano Hall on Tuesday, January 1st, starting at 10 P.M. The music will again be supplied by Vance and His Melodians.

## TOWN OFFERS TAX DISCOUNTS

The Town of Bassano has advertised a notice of its intention to offer a 10% discount for the prepayment of 1957 current taxes during the month of January and for 8% discount for prepayment of current taxes during the month of February.

The Town instituted this arrangement of special discounts three years ago and is well satisfied with the response of the taxpayers to the special discount offer. An average of 50% of the total tax levy is collected during the month of January each year under this arrangement and, while the cost of collection is slightly higher, it is easier to budget with the funds in hand.

## OUR CHURCHES

### KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School - 11:00 A.M.  
Evening Prayer - 7:30 P.M.

Minister - to be announced later.

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### ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday School - 2:00 P.M.  
Evensong - 3:00 P.M.

Rector - Rev. G.B. Hotchkis.

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### BASSANO EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Sunday School - 10:30 A.M.  
Evening Prayer - 7:30 P.M.

Pastor - Rev. Leon A. Tiede.

## TOWN TOPICS

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Herman have left to spend the winter in Tempe, Arizona.

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Margaret Simpson is spending the Christmas holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Simpson.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cote motored to Blairmore on Saturday to spend the holiday season with Mrs. Cote's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Hollwig.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Pearce and family visited relatives in Calgary on Sunday.

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Ronald MacLean, formerly of Bassano and now living in Calgary, was a visitor in Town on Saturday.

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We note by the December 15th edition of the Alberta Gazette that Miss Bessie Gingrich, Mrs. Ida McCrady, Hugh Pearce and Gordon M. Smith have all received appointments to act as Commissioners for Oaths for the Province of Alberta.

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Rev. and Mrs. Leon Tiede and family are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Tiede's parents at Nanton.

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Bob Schaffer of Three Hills spent the Christmas holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Schaffer.

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Miss Vera Rutschke, who is attending Nursing School in Calgary, is home for the holidays.

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Mr. and Mrs. S.H. Edwards and Cecil Palmer motored to Calgary yesterday to visit relatives.

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Mrs. Emily Kuchle spent Christmas at the home of her son, Bob Kuchle of Strathmore.

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The Glen Stafford family and the Bob Stafford family both of Kelispel, Montana and relatives from Duchess and Brooks spent the Christmas holiday with the Bob Hale family.

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Only four patients remained in the Bassano Hospital over Christmas Day this year.

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We are happy to report that Mrs. Mott has returned home from the Bassano Hospital, where she has been recuperating for the past month.



**No-cook peanut butter fudge**

On some cold Saturday morning, let the children make this fudge for entertainment as well as refreshments! Blend together  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup peanut butter and  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup dark corn syrup in a mixing bowl. Add  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup plus 2 tablespoons non-fat dry milk solids and  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup plus 2 tablespoons sifted confectioners' sugar all at once. Mix all together first with spoon and then with hands. Turn onto board and knead until well blended and smooth. Press out with rolling pin about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch thick and cut in squares.

**DRASTIC MEASURE**

The government has been tightening up credit . . . in the hope that spending can be held within the limits of goods and services available. It is a drastic measure because it does not discriminate between essential and non-essential projects.

Lhasa is the capital city of Tibet

**Feasting important to world observance of New Year**

Feasting is as important a part of a New Year celebration as of Thanksgiving, with a good meal on the first day of the year symbolizing that there will be plenty throughout the days ahead.

The New Year's day banquet differs as one travels around the world. An important dish around the Spaniards is sopa, rice cooked with olive oil, tomatoes, vegetables and meat particles. Africans partake of cous-cous, which is composed of wheat grains, lamb and vegetables. Pickled greens, raw fish, roast bird and shrimp fritters are menu headlines in Japan, with pickled chrysanthemum petals considered a special delicacy. The Swedes temper their feasts with a special drink, called glogg which is a claret wine sweetened with sugar and flavored with almonds, raisins, dried orange peel, cinnamon, cloves and cardamom. It is usually set afire before serving.

Feasts in England and Western

Europe are similar to our American menus, chief difference being in the choice of side dishes. Turkey, duck or goose make the popular roast in England and in France. Latin countries bedeck their holiday fowl with truffles, chestnuts and olives and one might find snails on the menu in France.

**HELPFUL HINTS**

When you're skillet-cooking liver and onions, cook the onions first in butter until they're soft and golden. Then draw the onions to one side of the pan and fry the sliced liver, adding more butter if necessary.

Mix a little orange marmalade with some cream cheese. Spread on split buttered toasted English muffins. Delicious with hot or iced tea.

LOSE A MINUTE—SAVE A LIFE

**Patterns**

"Animal pillows"



Brighten a youngster's room this winter with colorful, comy pillows! Lion, dog, cat faces embroidered in natural colors—background of white or gay print.

Pattern 7290: Transfers of faces, directions for three pillows, each 10x10 inches. Gay Christmas gifts!

To obtain this pattern send twenty-five cents in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) to:

Household Arts Department,  
Department P.P.L.,

60 Front Street W., Toronto.

Two FREE patterns—printed in our ALICE BROOKS Needlecraft book—stunning designs for yourself, for your home—just for you, our readers! Dozens of other designs to order—all easy, fascinating hand-work! Send 25 cents for your copy of this wonderful book right away!

**WEEKLY BIBLE COMMENT**

The quiet fields where shepherds watched their flocks by night is in strange contrast to the Palestine area of today.

One does not know at what moment the mild danger from wild animals against which the shepherds guarded may be replaced by the dire terror of explosive missiles overhead. Not even the Holy Land is safe from the horror and defilement of a so-called civilization that has turned its finest products of skill and invention to destructive uses.

It is a dark and terrible picture, and the one bright, ultimate contrast is in this Savior, whose birth was announced to the shepherds in the field. Here was the song of Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men.

Here is something that has happened, and that cannot be undone. It is not a hope or an expectation. It is real. And it is the one bright light that shines in spite of all the darkness of history.

If the Christmas story could be destroyed, if the Jesus of history and the Christ of Christmas could cease to be, then, indeed, we might give up all hope and faith.

We might cease to pray or struggle and let the world go down in gloom and ruin.

But the Christ is real. The Christmas story is as precious as ever. As long as it is read and cherished, so long will there be a future for men and a hope of brotherhood. It is a time to think of all the great company of people who are living out that faith and hope today.

If there are teachings of hate and violence abroad and men who practice them, there are teachings

**Fashions**

Empire-sheath!



PRINTED PATTERN

Our new PRINTED PATTERN—in the season's loveliest new silhouette! It's the Empire-Sheath—all long, slender lines; cleverly banded 'neath the bosom for the new high-waisted look. Pure flat-tery for your figure!

Printed Pattern 4789: Misses' Sizes 12, 14, 16, 18, 20. Size 16 requires  $3\frac{1}{2}$  yards 50-inch fabric.

Directions printed on each tissue pattern part. Easy-to-use, accurate, assures perfect fit.

Send thirty-five cents (35c) in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) for this pattern. Write plainly Size, Name, Address and Style Number and send orders to:

Anne Adams Pattern Dept.,  
Department P.P.L.,

60 Front Street W., Toronto.

Be sure to write plainly your Name, Address and Pattern Number.

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of love and goodness, and a holy army of those who follow them, in the name and in the spirit of Jesus.

**:: GEMS OF THOUGHT ::****THE NEW YEAR**

The new is but the old come true, each sunrise sees a new year born.

—Helen Hunt Jackson.

Good resolutions are a pleasant crop to sow. The seed springs up so readily, and the blossoms open so soon with such a brave show, especially at first. But when the time of flowers has passed, what as to the fruit?

—Lucas Malet.

Each year, one vicious habit rooted out in time ought to make the worst man good.

—Benjamin Franklin.

A year indoors is a journey along a paper calendar; a year in outer nature is the accomplishment of a tremendous ritual.

—Henry Beston.

The best preparation for the future is the present well seen to, and the last duty done.

George Macdonald.

With each returning year, higher joys, holier aims, a purer peace and diviner energy, should freshen the fragrance of being.

—Mary Baker Eddy.

**SMILE OF THE WEEK**

A gardener who took care of a director's lawn in Hollywood fell into the swimming pool. The owner left him there too—just so he could tell the boys at the studio his was the only place in town with a sunken gardener. 3226

**THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA****Condensed Annual Statement**

30th November, 1956

**ASSETS**

Cash on hand and due from banks (including items in transit) . . . . .	\$ 585,749,787
Government of Canada and provincial government securities, not exceeding market value . . . . .	715,005,707
Other securities, not exceeding market value . . . . .	492,218,188
Call loans, fully secured . . . . .	165,289,376
<b>Total quick assets . . . . .</b>	<b>\$1,958,263,058</b>
Other loans and discounts . . . . .	1,295,093,026
Mortgages and hypothecs insured under N.H.A. (1954) . . . . .	186,200,416
Bank premises . . . . .	30,690,073
Liabilities of customers under acceptances, guarantees and letters of credit . . . . .	93,174,380
Other assets . . . . .	7,877,367
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$3,571,298,320</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Deposits . . . . .	\$3,278,375,435
Acceptances, guarantees and letters of credit . . . . .	93,174,380
Other liabilities . . . . .	13,046,872
<b>Total liabilities to the public . . . . .</b>	<b>\$3,384,596,687</b>
Capital paid up . . . . .	50,298,893
Rest Account . . . . .	135,737,122
Undivided profits . . . . .	665,618
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$3,571,298,320</b>

**STATEMENT OF UNDIVIDED PROFITS**

Profits for the year ended 30th November, 1956, after provision for depreciation and income taxes and after making transfers to inner reserves out of which full provision has been made for diminution in value of investments and loans . . . . .	\$12,467,268
Dividends at the rate of \$1.80 per share . . . . .	\$8,299,783
Extra distribution at the rate of 25¢ per share . . . . .	1,260,000
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$2,907,485</b>
Transferred from inner reserves after provision for income taxes exigible . . . . .	3,000,000
Balance of undivided profits, 30th November, 1955 . . . . .	918,133
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 6,825,618</b>
Transferred to Rest Account . . . . .	6,160,000
Balance of undivided profits, 30th November, 1956 . . . . .	\$ 665,618
<b>*Total provision for income taxes \$13,410,000</b>	

JAMES MUIR,  
Chairman and President

K. M. SEDGEWICK,  
General Manager



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# THE OBSERVER

BY HUGH PEARCE

Old Father Time is drawing the shades over the year of 1956 which, in many ways, has been quite a momentous period in our history.

Both the farmer and the wage slave have withstood several determined assaults on their pocket-books through a raise in the cost of living and a general lowering of purchase value for our dollar.

The Dove of Peace has experienced some very stormy situations on more than one occasion in many countries of the world and will, no doubt, appreciate the short breathing spell negotiated by a startled United Nations Organization.

The countries of the world have imitated the animals by which they are popularly known singularly well during the year just past. The Russian Bear has attacked and plundered several bee hives and, while the Hungarian and East German bees have succeeded in stinging the Bear in many places, the Bear has finally triumphed through sheer power and ruthlessness. That tired and nearly toothless old British Lion, further handicapped by a dollar shortage and a code of ethics now outmoded in this day of power politics, startled the western world by a short but determined stand for the protection of the Suez Canal (which is still the property of the British people by virtue of a solemn treaty with Egypt years ago). It is now beginning to appear that the canal might have been under the control of Russia by this time but for the Lion's prompt action in heading off the Bear. A storm of criticism (ably abetted by the United States) followed this action. One wonders what action would have resulted had Panama suddenly turned communist and seized the Panama Canal, refusing to allow free entry to the canal! The Eagle of the United States had a curious silhouette similar to that of an ostrich in most of the world's crises during the year. It is most unfortunate for the peace of the world that the world's richest and probably most powerful nation has such a vacillating foreign policy and a tendency to "bury its head in the sand". A loud NO from the U.S. occasionally might have worked wonders in pouring oil on the troubled waters. Canada's Beaver (a well known industrious animal) was very busy with its foreign policy and scored several diplomatic successes abroad and in the U.N. It did resemble the chameleon, however, in trying to suit its foreign policy to that of neighboring and Empire countries on several occasions. I would have preferred to see the Beaver act more independently at the Council table, relying more on the logic of argument rather than to gain its point by sitting on the fence or succumbing to pressure from more powerful neighbors. The year did show, however, that Canada has a potential voice in world affairs far greater than the comparative size of this nation would indicate. The Australian Kangaroo apparently has the faculty of looking completely through the smoke screen of international political maneuverings and recognizing the true picture even better than Canada's Beaver. The extra distance from the scene of action might conceivably account for that. India was another Ostrich crying peace at any price without a corresponding effort to insure peace. Communism comes only through negative effort or lack of action. Israel is supposed to be a Lion but has developed more of the characteristics of a tiger during the year just passed. France acted like a spirited race horse - rearing to go and can't go for rearing. South Africa acted like a snake in the grass - wishing to remain in the Commonwealth and, at the same time, violating every precept of the Commonwealth. The Low Countries were mice in the fields - industriously minding their own national affairs and nothing more. Japan resembled

## WE WISH YOU

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS

NEW YEAR

BUD'S COFFEE SHOP  
George Mason - Prop

## WE ARE SORRY

THAT WE OVERLOOKED PRINTING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE PIONEER MEAT MARKET'S CHRISTMAS GREETINGS IN OUR LAST ISSUE OF THE BASSANO HERALD. THE INTENTIONS OF THE PIONEER MEAT MARKET WERE OF THE BEST BUT, IN OUR RUSH TO MEET THE DEADLINE, WE OMITTED TO PRINT THE AD.

## NEW YEAR'S

GREETINGS

TO ONE AND ALL FOR 1957.

J.W. RATZLAFF  
Insurance & Real Estate  
Phone 99 Bassano

a hive of bees, continually striving to build up the hive around the queen bee. The West German Eagle was flying higher than ever. The lesson is there for all to see. A concerted community effort will work miracles for nations even as it will for local communities.

The disappointment of the year was the United Nations Organization's half hearted attempt at police action in Hungary and the Suez Canal Zone. It is the first time I ever heard of a policeman having to ask a criminal for permission to arrest him! It appears that the collective organization of over half of the world (including the largest and most powerful of nations) commands less respect and authority than one of the weaker nations acting independently of the U.N. Shades of the old League of Nations!

Provincially, 1956 was kind to the Province of Alberta. Plans have been completed to sell an enormous quantity of natural gas to Eastern Canada, export of petroleum products reached an all-time high, another bumper crop was harvested (we will sell it sometime), several large industrial firms located new plants and offices in Alberta and, except for the coal mining industry, all classes of business seemed to be prospering.

The Town of Bassano itself had another prosperous year during 1956. The local business men found it a good year for trade, a new 10 roomed school was constructed, several new dwellings were erected, several business buildings were either constructed or renovated, the ratepayers authorized the construction of a new hospital in 1957, several blocks of new water and sewer extensions were laid at a very low cost to the taxpayers, tax collections were very good and the whole picture looked bright for the Town as we enter a new year.

The district farmers harvested another bumper crop and, while they did not improve their cash position to any great extent, they did add to their general surplus quite materially.

Looking at the picture from all angles, I feel that we have much to be thankful for as we prepare to face whatever the new year has in store for us. It is with great optimism that I say the same old wish for this season of the year - HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL.



## Milk Board inquiry for Regina area on January 4, 1957

The Regina district Milk Producers' Association has applied for an increase in the price to be paid to producers for milk, according to J. E. Ridley, Chairman of the Milk Control Board.

The Association contends that slowly but steadily rising costs of milk production warrant such an increase in the price of milk. Higher transportation costs, scarcity of labor necessitating greater mechanization at the dairy level and the higher standards required by health officials have all contributed to increasing costs of production, it claims.

To look into the matter, the Milk Control Board has arranged an inquiry which will be held in the Court House at Regina on Friday, January 4, 1957, commencing at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. At that time the production, supply, distribution and sale of milk in the Regina area will be thoroughly reviewed.

Persons who wish to make representations at this hearing are requested to notify the Milk Control Board not later than Thursday, December 28th. Failing to notify the Board will not however

keep any interested party or organization from making representations at the hearing.

The Milk Control Board is a Saskatchewan body, made up of three persons, which is responsible for reinforcement regulations with respect to the production, processing and sale of milk in the province.

### FAN FLUTTERED 4,000 YEARS

The fluttering hand fan has concealed the blushes of shy women for 4,000 years. The familiar folding fan was invented in Japan about 670 A.D., introduced into China in the 10th century, and transported to Europe in the 16th century.

## Quick Canadian Quiz

1. Which of Canada's provinces has the smallest area of occupied agricultural land?
2. What percentage of Canadian households is equipped with mechanical refrigeration — 28 percent, 49 percent, or 76 percent?
3. The first canals connecting the Great Lakes and Atlantic via the St. Lawrence were opened in what year?
4. What proportion of Canadian families own their own homes — one-quarter, one-half, or two-thirds?
5. What is the principal reason for taking a 10-year census in Canada?

## ANSWERS TO QUICK QUIZ

5. To adjust provincial representation in the House of Commons. 3. In 1848. 1. Nfld. 4. Two-thirds. 2. 76 percent. (Material prepared by the editors of Quick Canadian Facts, the pocket annual of facts about Canada.)

## "FISHBOWL WAGONS"

British railroads have some freight cars with glass sides to study how cargo shifts in transit. They are called "fishbowl wagons".

Although wild canaries sing, their songs are not as beautiful as those of the tamed canaries.

## WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### Beast of Burden

- | HORIZONTAL                    | VERTICAL            |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Depicted small donkey       | 1 Wands             |
| 6 Relatives                   | 2 Astronomy muse    |
| 13 Sign of zodiac             | 3 Tear              |
| 14 Treachery                  | 4 Anent             |
| 15 Light touch                | 5 Greek mount       |
| 16 Blacksmith                 | 6 Greek portico     |
| 18 Musical direction          | 7 Angered           |
| 19 Atop                       | 8 Withered (symbol) |
| 20 Processions                | 10 Worm             |
| 22 Transpose (ab.)            | 11 Decayed          |
| 23 Pleasant                   | 12 Trapped          |
| 25 Algonquian Indian          | 17 Hour (ab.)       |
| 27 Spoke                      | 20 Hawks            |
| 28 Shoe part                  | 21 Was frugal       |
| 29 North Dakota (ab.)         |                     |
| 30 It — used in mountains     |                     |
| 31 Measure of cloth           |                     |
| 32 Master of ceremonies (ab.) |                     |
| 33 Identical                  |                     |
| 35 It is a animal             |                     |
| 38 Wing-shaped                |                     |
| 39 Dash                       |                     |
| 40 Preposition                |                     |
| 41 Burned with hot water      |                     |
| 47 "Smallest State" (ab.)     |                     |
| 48 Tilt                       |                     |
| 50 Profit                     |                     |
| 51 Limb                       |                     |
| 52 Made into law              |                     |
| 54 Crush                      |                     |
| 56 Hunting dogs               |                     |
| 57 Feed cattle                |                     |

### Here's the Answer



## Ticklers

By George



"Hey sis! Your basketball friend wants to see you."

## Funny and Otherwise

Sandy said to his friend, Jock: "Jock, I'm a seek mon." "Why dinna ye go to Doctor MacTavish?" Jock asked. "Is he na expensive?" "Aye, he'll charge ye three pound for the first veeisit. Ofter thot it's but five shilling!" Sandy hurried over to MacTavish's office an announced: "Weel, Doctor, here I am again."

"Just think, Pat," the sailor's superior admonished during a morning-after session, "if you would only stay sober, you might become a second officer like me, instead of just a common sailor." "Second officer, hah?" muttered the young seaman. "Yes," his adviser replied, "and wouldn't that be worth staying sober for?" "Hivens no!" Pat shouted. "When o'm drunk, o'm an admiral!"

It was a stormy evening. The wind was blowing sheets of rain against the windows. "Mommy, is it raining too hard for me to go to the corner and mail this letter?" asked Susie.

"I should say it is," responded her mother. "It isn't a fit night to send a dog out. Let your father go mail your letter."

"How well do you and your wife get along," a friend remarked to a man whose marriage was very happy. "Don't you ever have differences of opinion?"

"Oh yes," was the reply, "very often". "Ah, that's the secret," said the husband. "I never tell her about them."

The farmer, plowing with one mule, called, "Geddap Pete, Geddap Barney, Geddap John, Geddap Tom!"

How many names does that mule have?" asked a stranger. "Only one—Pete," the farmer answered. "But he's blind and when I yell all those names, he thinks he has help."

"I hear you're startin' to raise bees," I told Ol' Ezry. "Yep," Ezry said. "I don't want to miss nothin'—and I've been stung every other way!"

If you make a right turn from a left hand lane, you are probably just careless and reckless—and not what the driver behind has called you.

Linen is made from the flax plant. 3226

WOW! WHAT A BUNCH OF TOYS!



PEGGY

ARE THESE YOURS, AMY?



GOODNESS! WHY ISN'T HE PLAYING WITH THEM?



CAUSE HE'S TOO BUSY PLAYING WITH THE BOXES THEY CAME IN!



JABBER IS WONDERING WHAT TO GET YOU FOR CHRISTMAS, MR. TILLER!



WELL, I NEED A NEW WALLET. THIS ONE IS... HOLY SMOKE!



MAW! I LOST SOME MONEY AND...



SIMMER DOWN, PAW... I TOOK IT!



I HAD TO PAY A BILL AND I JUST TOOK IT FROM YOUR POCKET! YOU WERE SLEEPING AND I DIDN'T WANT TO DISTURB YOU!



HEY, HUNK! TELL JABBER TO FORGET THE WALLET... JUST GET A NEEDLE AND THREAD TO SEW MY POCKETS SHUT!



## RIVETS

By George Sixta





## A HAPPY NEW YEAR

TO YOU AND YOURS

IS THE WISH OF

HILL'S RED & WHITE STORE  
Where Cash Beats Credit  
Phone 7 Bassano

*New Year Greetings*

FROM YOUR LUMBER AND HARDWARE DEALER

ROYAL LUMBER YARDS LIMITED  
Les Spivey - Manager  
Phone 6 Bassano

## PROVINCE PREPARES FOR SNOW

The weather man decides what kind of Christmas and New Year holidays will be had by the employees of the Maintenance Branch of the Department of Highways. If snowstorms should set in, branch crews will be laboring with their big machines to keep Alberta's 5,000 miles of highways in passable condition.

Maintenance crews are on call 24 hours a day and standing ready to forego their own festivities so that the motoring public may enjoy theirs to the full. However, if the weather is clear, workers will join the rest of Alberta's citizens in enjoying their holidays and family get-togethers.

Because the volume of traffic experienced during the holiday season is greater than normal, crews make a special effort to keep the provinces main traffic arteries clear.

-- Within Our Borders.

'Twas a dangerous cliff, as they freely confessed  
Though to walk near its crest was so pleasant;  
But over its terrible edge there had slipped  
A duke and full many a peasant.  
So the people said something would have to be done,

But their projects did not at all tally;  
Some said "Put a fence round the edge of the cliff"  
Some "An ambulance down in the valley."

But the cry for an ambulance carried the day,  
For it spread through the neighboring city,  
A fence may be useful or not, it is true,  
For those who had slipped o'er the dangerous cliff;

And the dwellers in highway and alley  
Gave pounds and gave pence, not to put up a fence  
But an ambulance down in the valley.

For the cliff is alright, if you're careful, they said,

And, if folks ever slip and are dropping,  
It is'nt the slipping that hurts them so much  
As the shock down below when they're stopping.  
So day after day, as these mishaps occurred,  
Quick forth would these rescuers sally  
To pick up the victims who fell off the cliff  
With their ambulance down in the valley.

(to be continued)

## NOTICE

TO THE TAXPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF BASSANO  
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THE TOWN OF BASSANO WILL AGAIN OFFER A 10% DISCOUNT FOR THE PREPAYMENT OF CURRENT TAXES DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1957.

FOR THE PREPAYMENT OF CURRENT TAXES DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1957 THE DISCOUNT WILL BE 8%. NO DISCOUNT WILL APPLY TO FRONTAGE TAXES OR SPECIAL LEVIES ON PROPERTY HOLDERS.

Hugh Pearce -  
Secretary Treasurer.

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HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR

IS THE WISH OF

BRENT'S

150

NEW YEAR



TO ONE AND ALL

THE FRIENDLY STORES LIMITED  
Phone 9 Bassano

MAY 1957

BE THE HAPPIEST AND MOST PROSPEROUS  
NEW YEAR YOU HAVE EVER KNOWN.

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THE PIONEER MEAT MARKET  
Phone 42 Bassano

HAPPY NEW YEAR

IN 1957

IS THE WISH OF

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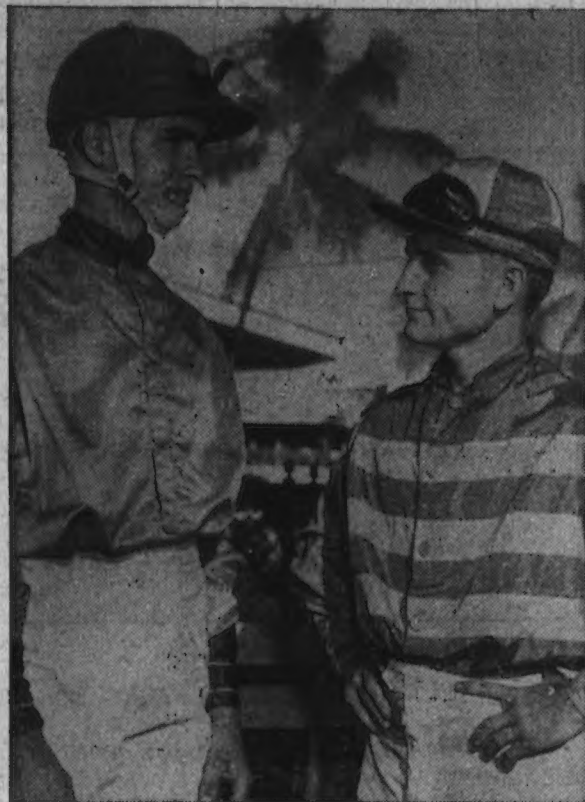
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# World Happenings In Pictures



**MOUNT SILVERTIP**, in British Columbia, believed to be the area in which the TCA North Star crashed with 62 passengers and crew on board. The aircraft's pilot, Captain Allan J. Clarke, of Montreal, radioed Vancouver that he was returning after one of his engines failed. The plane was unheard of since. The RCAF search planes seeking the wreckage have been unable to locate the craft, a similar type to the photo below.



**RIDERS COMPARE SKULL CAPS**—Old and new types of jockey hats are compared at Tropical Park in Miami by Sidney Lejune, left, and Henry Bloch. The latter wears the traditional silk cap while Lejune models the new helmet designed to protect jockeys in case of a spill. Under the silk covering is a strong fiber crown.



**TEMPLE TOP**—A woman's hat is her temple; according to French milliner Svend. Modeled in Paris, this topper is fashioned along the lines of an Indochinese temple. Hat and matching coat, designed by Jacques Heim, are done in lamb's wool.



**JOHN DIEFENBAKER**, MP for Prince Albert, with a group of western supporters wearing hat bands, "I vote for Diefenbaker," and Lapel buttons, "I Like John". Left to right: Ariel F. Sallows, North Battleford; Mr. Diefenbaker; Dr. Lorne Connell, Prince Albert; Elmer Diefenbaker, the candidate's brother.

## Recipe for a good school

Place not more than 30 superior children, yours and your neighbors', in an attractive classroom in a safe, well-planned building, with a teacher who is capable and well prepared . . . Blend in plenty of good books and other teaching aids . . . Add safe school buses and ample space for play . . . Leaven with a salary scale that is fair and decent, a good plan for teacher-retirement and a touch of real appreciation by the community.

Season with your personal interest, co-operation, and support. Mix well for one school year.

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